

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q88078

Naoaki TAOKA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/536,768

Group Art Unit: 1651

Confirmation No.: 2449

Examiner: Sandra E. SAUCIER

Filed: May 27, 2005

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE 3-HYDROXYPROPIONIC  
ESTER DERIVATIVE

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
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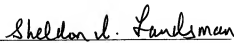
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of January 7, 2009 to May 7, 2009.

The statutory fee of \$130.00 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS Payment Screen. The USPTO is also directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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